

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : EXTENDABLE SELF-CONTAINED CLEANING DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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